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London's going 'licious

► Food fest is a 'choose-your-own-adventure' book set 'in the culinary world,' its founder says



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Ever had a burning desire for rabbit potage? How about a little taste of mussels scarfone?

Maybe a juicy steak, a slice of lemon cheesecake or gourmet doughnuts are more up your alley?

No worries. You can find all of that — and hundreds of other taste-bud-tempting dishes — on Londonlicious menus across the city.

The food festival kicks off Friday and runs through Feb. 5. With about 30 London restaurants prepped to placate palates, this 'licious will be one of the largest yet in the Forest City.

"London was a tough go in the beginning, with 15 to 16 restaurants involved," founder Randy Feltis said. "But those 15 to 16 were

just packed for the two weeks."

The affair brings big benefits for diners and restaurants alike.

For one, restaurants create fixed-price, three-course menus that allow people to mix and match appetizers, entrees and desserts. The fixed prices of \$20, \$25 or \$30 make people more likely to head into restaurants they may not be familiar with, Feltis said.

Getting to try something new is one of the benefits for foodies. During nearly every Londonlicious, people discover a new hidden gem that's just right for them and close to home, Feltis said.

Feltis started a festival about five years ago in Barrie, where he owns two restaurants. He homed in on London about three years ago.

"It's really crazy because once the city embraces and the restaurants embrace the idea, it just takes off," he said. For a list of restaurants participating in Londonlicious and a glance at their special menus, go to londonlicious.ca.

Newcomers

Some restaurants making their Londonlicious debut:

- Katana Kafe & Grill (2530 Blair Blvd.)
- Mythic Grill (179 Albert St.)
- Bangkok Pad Thai (735 Richmond St.)



► Chef Ryan Bianchi fires things up Thursday in the kitchen of Gambrinus Bistro & Café (130 King St.). Gambrinus is one of about 30 restaurants taking part in Londonlicious, which runs through Feb. 5.

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Pay-it-forward challenge carries \$5,000 bounty

Who would you help with \$5,000?

A London law firm is offering a chance to decide just that — even if you don't have a little spare cash floating around.

Siskinds is asking local charities to submit proposals for money through Jan. 29. The proposals will be

vetted to 10 finalists with the winner chosen by popular vote Feb. 3 to Feb. 22 on the law firm's Facebook page.

The call for submissions opened earlier this week. One charity, Banting House, had gotten involved as of Thursday afternoon. Laurie Hause, Siskinds'

Proposals

Groups are asked to submit proposals for Siskinds law firm's \$5,000 Charity Challenge by visiting facebook.com/siskinds.

director of marketing and technology, said increased

need from non-profits helped get the challenge off the ground.

The firm, she said, has always been a big supporter of local charities, but with more and more requests for help flooding in, "we needed to put a (new) guideline in place to help us manage the process of

making those donations."

Those requests, she said, can range from sponsoring a hockey team to "something much more significant."

"There's not a day that goes by that we don't receive at least a few requests."

● ANGELA MULLINS

Winter blast snarls drivers

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

► Multiple accidents reported on London-area roads as squalls move through ► Crash near Sarnia kills 2

It was a treacherous trek along London-area roads Thursday as snow squalls moved through southwest Ontario.

Several multi-vehicle crashes closed portions of the Highway 401/402 corridor as blowing snow reduced visibility and pavement became icy.

Two people were killed and others were taken to hospital in a Highway 402 pileup east of Sarnia. The chain-reaction crash — reportedly involving up to 25 vehicles including an Ontario Provincial Police cruiser — is being investigated by the province's Special Investigations Unit.

The Highway 401/402 interchange was closed outside of London, and a 22-kilometre stretch of westbound Highway 401 was closed in the Woodstock area as rescue crews responded to accidents.

Geoff Coulson, an Environment Canada meteorologist, said accumulation

Weekend weather

Friday's weather is expected to be a bit tamer, with a high of -7 C.

- Accumulation of about two centimetres is expected with evening flurries.
- There's a 40 per cent chance of flurries Saturday with a high of -4 C. Things will warm a bit Sunday with an expected high of 4 C.

reached five to 10 centimetres across much of the area. Blowing snow was among the biggest challenges, with the London airport reporting visibility of less than half a kilometre in early afternoon.

"Accumulation was part of the story, but it looks like the roads themselves becoming slick as the snow was falling (coupled with poor visibility) was the major concern," Coulson said. ● METRO/WITH FILES FROM AM980/AM980.CA



► University of Western Ontario students trudge through snow Thursday as snow squalls blow through the London area. The icy squalls started between 8:30 and 9 a.m. and continued into early afternoon, leaving roads and sidewalks difficult to navigate.

Police budget proposal dips

London Police Services has trimmed about \$1 million off its 2012 budget proposal, officials said Thursday.

The proposal now sits at \$88 million — 0.7 per cent higher than parameters set by city council.

Word of the cuts came the day after councillors ordered the police department — along with four other boards and commissions — to trim their re-

quests. Savings were found through provincial up-loading in areas including court security, pensions and fringe benefits.

Police Chief Brad Duncan said he can't afford to cut any more. The budget



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proposal still includes hiring 15 new frontline officers, which Duncan said is non-negotiable.

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News in brief

Correction: CAW rally at 11 a.m.

The Canadian Auto Workers will rally at 11 a.m. Saturday in Victoria Park to show support for locked out Electro-Motive Diesel Workers.

Thousands of people are expected to attend, including many from outside the city.

Incorrect information appeared in Thursday's Metro. ● METRO

Police say shops sold illegal wine

London police allege three shops have been selling illegal rice wine. Last week, police found 146 bottles of rice wine in plain plastic bottles, similar to milk jugs. The bottles had no required markings. Charges have been laid. ● METRO

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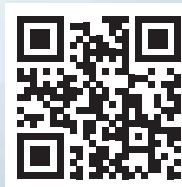
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Knights' PP on the rise

- London's power play has improved to eighth in OHL
- Knights next host Owen Sound at 7 p.m. Friday



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Striving for perfection is the hallmark of great teams. Earlier in the season, the London Knights could have rested on their laurels of being the top team in the OHL, even though their power play languished in the league's bottom four.

Instead, they committed to improving their moribund play with the man advantage. Their power play now ranks in the top 10.

Michael Houser, the Knights' starting goalie, has a unique perspective during London's power plays and provided some insight on the improvement.

"I just think the chem-



► Seth Griffith

istry wasn't there at first," Houser said. "Maybe we didn't have the right guys out there — it's a little bit of everything. Everything's starting to click with the new guys. We've got some skill guys out there now. (Greg) McKeeg and (Austin) Watson bring a different look."

The one constant bright

spot has been third-year forward Seth Griffith's play.

"We're moving the puck a lot better — we're not holding on to it as much," Griffith said. "We're finding that open guy and making (the other) team do all of the work."

The undrafted Wallaceburg native surpassed his goal total from last year with a hat trick on Dec. 9. Going into Friday's game, he has 32 goals and 61 points, just one behind his output from 2010-11.

"I'm just more confident. I think last year I worried too much about the draft," said Griffith, 19. "I can't take all of the credit for it. There are guys giving me the puck in those areas where I can score."

Suspects in custody after robbery in east end

It was a dramatic Thursday afternoon for residents in an East London neighbourhood.

London police say they responded to a robbery on Beckworth Avenue around 2:45 p.m.

Officers surrounded the area before taking a number of suspects into custody.

They haven't released any more information on the suspect or the incident.

The investigation is still ongoing.

Nearby Evelyn Harrison Public School was briefly put in a hold-and-secure.

Students were kept inside between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. as a precaution, delaying their normal dismissal time slightly.

Police say the hold-and-secure was put in place because, although the situation was under control, they didn't want the students to be alarmed. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Finger. Roll



► Gabe Freeman of the London Lightning goes up for a basket against Justin Johnson of the Halifax Rainmen in a regular-season National Basketball League of Canada game.

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Lightning flash past Rainmen

The first-place Lightning defeated second-place Halifax Rainmen by a score of 111-94 at the John Labatt Centre on the back of a strong third quarter, when they took a lead they never relinquished.



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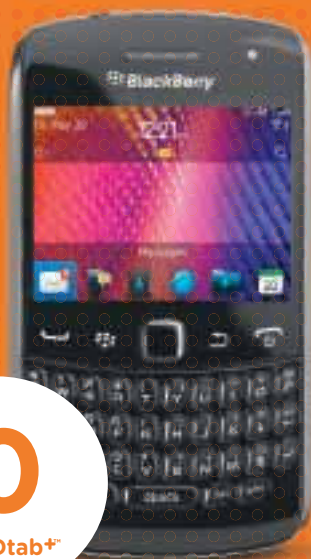
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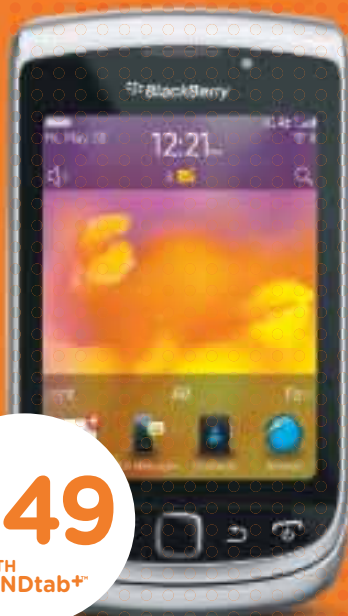
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U.S. feds shut down Megaupload

► Comes one day after Wikipedia, others stage protest over legislation

One of the world's largest file-sharing sites was shut down Thursday, and its founder and several company executives were charged with violating piracy laws, federal prosecutors said.

An indictment accuses Megaupload.com of costing copyright holders more than \$500 million in lost revenue from pirated films and other content.

The indictment was unsealed one day after websites including Wikipedia and Craigslist shut down in protest of two congressional proposals intended to thwart online piracy.

The Justice Department said in a statement said that Kim Dotcom and three others were arrested Thursday in New Zealand at the request of U.S. offi-

Star support

Megaupload was unique not only because of its massive size and the volume of downloaded content, but also because it had high-profile support from celebrities, musicians and other content producers who are most often the victims of copyright infringement and piracy.

cials. Two other defendants are at large.

The website allowed users to download films, TV shows, games, music and other content for free, but made money by charging subscriptions to people who wanted access to faster download speeds or extra content.

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Free web access in Uruguay

Uruguay's state-owned communications company is giving users a day of free Internet access in support of freedom online.

Antel says it is inspired by the Internet blackout led by U.S. search and social media companies against anti-piracy bills in the U.S. Congress. It's offering free net access on Monday. The company says it has no position on the anti-piracy bills, but wants to strengthen the principle of free access. Although the debate is taking place far from Uruguay, the company says its clients are affected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New potential witness in Costa Concordia saga

A young Moldovan crew member who translated evacuation instructions from the bridge after the Costa Concordia ran into a reef emerged as a potential new witness Thursday in the investigation into the

captain's actions that fateful night.

Italian media have said prosecutors want to interview 25-year-old Dominica Cermotan, who had worked for Costa as a hostess but was not on duty

when she boarded the ship Jan. 13 in the Roman port of Civitavecchia.

The \$450-million Costa Concordia was carrying more than 4,200 passengers and crew when it slammed into well-marked rocks off

the Tuscan island of Giglio after the captain made an unauthorized diversion Jan. 13 from his programmed route. The ship then keeled over on its side and is still half-submerged nearly a week later.

In interviews with Moldovan media, Cermotan defended Capt. Francesco Schettino, who has been vilified in the Italian media for leaving his ship before everyone was evacuated safely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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\$1.5M to reduce head injuries

The federal government will spend \$1.5 million to help reduce concussions in kid's sports.

The money goes to ThinkFirst Canada, Hockey Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport to support efforts to reduce the rate and severity of sports-related head injuries. The groups will work on increasing awareness among coaches, players and parents.

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Sports link

▶ The government says accidental injuries are the leading cause of death for people under the age of 19.

▶ More than 40 per cent of brain injuries in children and youth aged 10 to 19 treated in hospital emergency departments result from sports and recreation activities.

Players rescue pup

A six-week-old puppy is in need of some serious pampering after being rescued from the bitter cold by three junior hockey players in Saskatchewan.

Teammates from the Prince Albert Raiders saw a woman drop something into the bed of a parked truck earlier this week as temperatures dipped to -40 C. They found a freezing pooch showing serious signs of neglect, so they decided to call police.

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Skier Sarah Burke dies

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▶ Sarah Burke after a win in 2009. She was a four-time Winter X Games Champion.

▶ Freestyle champion injured during training run in Utah

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke died Thursday, nine days after crashing at the bottom of the superpipe during a training run in Utah.

Burke was 29. She was injured Jan. 10 while training at a personal sponsor event at the Park City Mountain resort.

"Our hearts go out to Sarah's husband Rory and her entire family," said Peter Judge, CEO of Canadian Freestyle Ski Association (CFSA), in a statement. "It's difficult for us to imagine their pain and what they're going through. Sarah was certainly someone who lived life to the fullest and in doing so was a significant example to our community and far beyond."

"She will be greatly missed by all of us at the CFSA and the entire ski

"Sarah, in many ways, define(d) the sport ... (she was) involved since the very, very early days..."

PETER JUDGE, CEO, CANADIAN FREESTYLE SKI ASSOCIATION

community."

Tests revealed Burke sustained "irreversible damage to her brain due to lack of oxygen and blood after cardiac arrest," according to a statement released by Burke's publicist.

Burke, a native of Barrie, Ont., who grew up in nearby Midland before moving to Squamish, B.C., was the best-known athlete in her sport and will be remembered for the legacy she left for women in freestyle skiing.

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Romney faces primary pressure ahead of vote

► Mitt Romney's campaign jolted after Rick Perry drops out of Republican nominee race, backs opponent

Mitt Romney's march to the Republican presidential nomination was shaken Thursday, two days before the crucial South Carolina primary, as Rick Perry dropped out and endorsed a gaining Newt Gingrich.

Romney has led the contest to select a challenger to President Barack Obama in November, benefiting from a fractured Republican field and the failure of conservatives to rally behind a candidate. The remaining candidates will debate on Thursday night.

Gingrich, a former speaker of the House of Representatives, is emerging as the main rival to Romney. Polls show him in second place in South Carolina, gaining ground but



► Presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

still trailing the former Massachusetts governor by about 10 percentage points.

Saturday's South Carolina primary has been seen as the pivotal contest in the race, after what had initially been declared a very narrow victory for Romney in Iowa, the first nominating

contest, and a solid Romney win in last week's New Hampshire primary.

That means that even if Romney holds onto his lead and wins in South Carolina, he won't be able to claim victory in the first three contests — an achievement that would have made him appear to be the all-but-inevitable nominee.

The wealthy Romney, a venture capitalist, has campaigned on the assertion that his business background makes him the logical candidate to defeat Obama. But he faces growing scrutiny over his vast fortune and acknowledged reports that he has millions invested in the Cayman Islands.

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Rick Perry drops out of GOP race

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► Rick Perry

Texas Gov. Rick Perry abandoned his presidential bid and endorsed Newt Gingrich on Thursday, just two days before the pivotal South Carolina primary, while Republican front-runner Mitt Romney struggled to fend off a growing challenge from Gingrich.

"I know when it's time to make a strategic retreat," Perry told a news conference. He called Gingrich "a conservative visionary who can transform our country" and added, "Newt is not perfect, but who among us is?"

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► Newt Gingrich, accompanied by his wife, Callista, listens to a question during an event.



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GINGRICH WANTED 'OPEN MARRIAGE': EX-WIFE

Dredging up a past that Newt Gingrich has worked hard to bury, the Republican presidential candidate's second ex-wife says Gingrich asked for an "open marriage" in which he could have both a wife and a mistress.

In an interview with ABC News' Nightline scheduled to air Thursday night, Marianne Gingrich said she refused to go along with the idea that

she share her husband with Callista Bisek, who would later become his third wife.

The interview was airing just two days before the presidential primary in South Carolina, a state with a strong Christian conservative bent, and as Gingrich tries to present himself as the strongest alternative to Republican front-runner Mitt Romney.

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Kodak files for Chapter 11 protection

▶ Storied photo company restructures business to cut costs and accelerate drawn-out digital transformation

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▶ Eastman Kodak headquarters is shown in Rochester, N.Y., on Thursday.

The glory days when Eastman Kodak Co. ruled the world of film photography lasted for more than a century. Then came a stunning reversal of fortune: cut-throat competition from Japanese firms in the 1980s and a seismic shift to the digital technology it pioneered but couldn't capitalize on.

Kodak filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Thursday, raising the spectre that the 132-year-old trailblazer could become the most storied casualty of a digital age.

Kodak will now reorganize in bankruptcy court as it seeks to boost its cash position and stay in business.

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The company is pinning its hopes on peddling a trove of photo patents and morphing into a new-look powerhouse built around printers and ink.

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Murdoch group to pay damages

Rupert Murdoch's media empire agreed to cash

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1 Tim Hortons goes extra large: Timmies got national attention this week when it announced a brand new extra-large cup size

(24 ounces) to be introduced Monday, Jan. 23. But perhaps this tweet from radio DJ Dani Stover (@danigray) said it best: "I don't care about the size of Tim Horton's cups, all I want to know is when I can roll up the rim."

2 Seth Rogen: The Golden Globes were a snore until Canada's Seth Rogen took the stage to present an award alongside Kate Beckinsale and said, "Hello I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection." Then everyone was aroused, er, woken up. Yes, a good penis joke never fails. Even George Clooney made one later in the broadcast.

3 Alcatraz Vancouver: Fox's fantastic, spooky, supernatural, J.J. Abrams-created prison drama Alcatraz, which premiered this week, is being produced in Vancouver, on the same North Shore Studios lot where several seasons of The X-Files were made. That makes this must-watch show all the more spooky.

4 Internet of darkness: More than 7,000 websites — including Wired, BoingBoing and Wikipedia — "went dark" Wednesday to protest anti-piracy legislation, currently making its way through the U.S. Congress, that could affect the Internet and freedom of speech. With less Internet, water-cooler talk must have gone up 25 per cent that day.

5 Tom Cruise & race cars: During a discussion on closeted gay celebrities on Piers Morgan Tonight this week, Rosie O'Donnell said, "People say to me all the time, 'Tom Cruise is gay.' I've been around Tom Cruise a lot. Tom Cruise drives race cars, Tom Cruise is ... I do not think Tom Cruise is gay. I have never thought Tom Cruise is gay." Well, OK, then.

6 Groom's Bieber dance: If you're a groom and at your wedding you and your groomsmen star in an epic choreographed performance set to Justin Bieber's Baby, it will get the attention not only of your bride but also of the world. "Brian's Surprise Justin Bieber Wedding Dance for Emily" on YouTube already has nearly four million views.

7 Giant killers: The 15-1 Green Bay Packers were being called one of the best teams ever and were expected to repeat as Super Bowl champions, but in a stunning playoff collapse on their home field they lost 37-20 to the New York Giants. The Packers finished the season 15-2 — one of the biggest choke jobs in history.

8 Andrea Bargnani: The seven-foot 26-year-old is finally showing why the Toronto Raptors drafted him first overall in 2006. Averaging 22 points a game (No. 9 in the NBA) and a career-best 6.5 rebounds a game, Bargnani is playing like an all-star on a mediocre Raptor team. He may yet be the second coming of Dirk Nowitzki.

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What item on the list of gifts given to the royal couple on their cross-Canada trip would you most like for yourself?

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Local tweets



► **@etraci_:** Casually walking to class in a blizzard

► **@UWOproblems** #ldnont
► **@TFade:** So being in Windsor the last month has led me to forget to check the snow before I left. #ldnont #whoops

► **@quietobserver88:** Up north people drive on roads made entirely of ice with out trouble. 2cm of snow in #ldnont and its absolute pandemonium.

► **@CandiceKei:** having way too much fun coming up with ideas for bills & policy proposals for @UWOCon-

servative Model Parliament! #uwo #cdnpoli #onpoli

► **@dhamz17:** your car won't do 30km/hr around a 90degree corner in this greasy snow #figureitout #ldnont

► **@maxamilli:** I've passed @TheEarlyBirdLdn so many times in the past month, wondering what it is, now I know! And I'm excited for #LDNont food!

► **@kpyeoman:** It's days like today that I'm glad I live in Downtown #ldnont Well...actually...that's everyday.

► **@nicolettebreeze:** I was starting to forget I live in the snow belt #ldnont

Bath time, Russian-style



Taking religion to an extreme

MOSCOW, RUSSIA. Braving the legendary Russian winter, thousands of Orthodox Christians across the country have celebrated the feast of the Epiphany the traditional way ... by bathing in cold ice pools outside to "cleanse themselves of sins." For the faithful, this ritual pays homage to the baptism of Jesus Christ. ● **MWN**

Baptism of ice

- **The Crucifix-shaped hole** in ice is named "Iordan" after the Jordan River, where Jesus Christ was baptized.
- **Three times a blessing:** After descending wooden steps, believers submerge their bodies completely in water three times (in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit).

A dip in the ice gives life to you

BENEFITS. And what are the benefits of a winter swim, if any? Experts say it can stimulate mental processes and produce hormones to make the body cope with physical ailments. It can also release stress, remove aches and pains, increase vitality and keep skin looking younger. It can also treat asthma or arthritis. ● **MWN**

"When a person is in cold water all his or her blood is redistributed around the body, and this is actually good for the health."

VLADIMIR GREBENKIN, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR WINTER MARATHON SWIMMING, TELLS RUSSIAN MEDIA

Synopsis

Based on true events (though highly fictionalized), the movie focuses on four African American pilots from the Second World War — the top guns of the 332nd Fighter Group — the Tuskegee Airmen. In fighting the racial discrimination of the U.S. military, they prove their mettle by taking on dangerous assignments in active combat.

Ratings:
Richard:
Mark:



► The anti-racist message of Red Tails is lost in the cardboard characters and wooden acting.

Reel Guys

**RICHARD
CROUSE &
MARK
BRESLIN**



Tails is too 'talky'

► The flight scenes are fun, but Red Tails is slowed down by leaden dialogue

Richard: Mark, you can't accuse Red Tails of being subtle. It is unabashedly patriotic, unapologetically melodramatic and an unashamed throwback to the propaganda movies of the 1940s. The mix and match of those elements works for the first hour, but the time one of the pilots whoops, "Let's give those newspapers something to write about!" the once charming tone of the movie started to wear thin for me. You?

Mark: Charmed? Naw, I was too busy being stupefied at the racial condescension of the movie. The movie has the best of intentions, but its anti-racist message is lost amidst the

cardboard characters, leaden dialogue, wooden acting and overemphatic score. The story is so dumbed down it's a bit of an insult to those Tuskegee airmen it wants to honour. Neat flight jackets, though.

Richard: I didn't find the script condescending, just ordinary. An extraordinary, and mostly hidden history like the story of the Tuskegee Red Tails deserves something a little more than a by-the-book retelling. I agree with you about the flight jackets; they are sharp, but I also found the in-flight scenes to be exciting. Too much dialogue for my taste, but the aerial photogra-

phy was fun.

MB: The aerial photography may be the only reason to watch this picture. Yet, in many of the long shots, it looked like a video game to me. And was there ever a more nauseating, saccharine romantic subplot as the one in this movie? I was so grateful that most of the dialogue was in Italian! Some of the acting was passable: Terrence Howard had a couple of good speeches, but most of the time he acted with his pipe.

RC: Ha! I think I enjoyed this more than you. But just by a hair. It's too long, too talky and too corny, but I liked some of the

characters and enjoyed watching the flight sequences. I do, however, wish there was less dialogue during the dogfights. I think fighter pilots in attack mode have better things to concentrate on than making wisecracks.

MB: Yes, the confidence of the pilots under fire bordered on the comical. But one thing I found interesting: The racism of the pilots' fellow white Americans was worse than of the Nazis, who only dismissed them with snotty attitude rather than overtly trying to beat them up and using the dreaded N-word. I don't know if it was intentional, but the point packed a wallop for me.

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Scene in brief



Opening this week is Underworld: Awakening, the newest entry in the film series starring Kate Beckinsale as the vampire Selene. In this film, Selene must fight humankind when it starts a war against vampires and the Lycan clan — the werewolf enemies of the vampires.

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The real wolfman

► Liam's tough side is back with another 'Neesploitation' flick, *The Grey*, which has him fighting dogs in the wild ► Film opens next week

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Evidenced by his recent spate of ass-kicking roles, Liam Neeson seems like the scariest actor in Hollywood.

Tall, broad and blunt, he cuts an intimidating profile, and watching him face down a pack of ravenous wolves in his new film — the mythic, man-versus-nature thriller *The Grey* — he seems like an equally ferocious creature, especially after he duct-tapes broken airplane liquor bottles to his knuckles.

To hear Neeson tell it, however, he wouldn't last five minutes in the sub-zero conditions his character endures.

"I'd curl up and die," the Irish actor says. "On our first day, cameras were malfunctioning and equipment wasn't working, and I thought, 'This is ludicrous.'"

In the last three years, Neeson has remodelled his imposing dramatic pedigree to suit action fans, spawning the unofficial "Neesploitation" sub-genre — with films like *Taken*,



KIMBERLEY FRENCH

► Liam Neeson says the script for *The Grey* "read like a 19th century epic poem for me."

Unknown and now *The Grey* — where he squares off physically against a rogue's gallery of international baddies and proves unequivocally he's not to be trifled with. While his command of the screen is undeniable, he insists he's not the alpha-male type he's become synonymous with in his films.

"I can play them, but in life, I'm not one," he says.

"It's great fun, because I know that I'm the opposite."

The Grey reunites Neeson with his *The A-Team* director, Joe Carnahan, whose survivalist thriller about a small group of plane crash survivors lost in the frozen north appealed to Neeson on both visceral and existential levels.

"The script read like a

19th century epic poem for me, something like *The Ancient Mariner* or something," Neeson says.

"And also the little boy in myself. I just thought it would be great to be out with a bunch of guys on a cliff face or a rock face and doing manly things."

Although Neeson's recent foray into action has led him from the more cerebral films that helped make his name — like *Schindler's List* and *Kinsey* — he says he's doing movies like *The Grey* because he's asked to, not because he feels compelled to test himself physically or even professionally.



► Sam Worthington and Elizabeth Banks in a scene from *Man on a Ledge*.

Immersed in the pigeon's playground

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come near me!"

The film, about a cop-turned-convict-turned-fugitive (Worthington) who has to be talked off the ledge of a high-rise building by a New York Police Department hostage negotiator (Banks), was shot "practically," which means that when it looks like the actors are standing on the side of a building, they're actually on the side of a building — not on a set or in front of a green screen somewhere.

The filmmakers constructed a massive shooting apparatus that allowed them to make their movie in the pigeon's playground.

"Everyone was really committed to giving the audience the experience of being up that high with us and giving you vertigo," Banks says.

"I actually wanted (the film) to be in 3-D," Worthington adds, "but then, when I watched it, I realized you don't need it. It has this sweeping arc and you get to experience what it felt like up there."

That feeling being? "Fear," Worthington grins.

"Not of falling, but of landing, because you'd go splat. You do hang on for grim life. I always had a palm on the wall somewhere."

Worthington says that while shooting, it was almost as difficult to be off the ledge as it was to stay on, comparing it to seasickness.

"It was like being on a boat. If you're on a boat all day, you get sea legs. I would get ledge legs."

Comedy Corner

A student noticed his roommate was upset. "What's the matter?" He asked his roommate. "I wrote home asking my parents for money so I could buy a laptop, and they sent me a laptop!"

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Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

Genre: Thriller

Director: Tomas Alfredson

Stars: Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Tom Hardy

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Given its dense and fascinating source material, it's not surprising that this British thriller puts the audience to work — which is a refreshing change of pace for a genre that is home to so much surface-level material. Based on a classic 1974 book of the same name by John LeCarre, Tinker observes the highest levels of British Intelligence at MI6. When it becomes clear that someone in the trusted inner circle has been a mole for the Russians, one forcibly retired agent (Gary Oldman) is asked to investigate the



men he'd worked closest with. This film truly does not fit the definition of what some would deem to be a "spy film" — there are little to no car chases or explosions of any kind. The story comes out through the dialogue, not some easy voice-over that spoon-feeds salient points. If you find yourself playing catch-up,

it may only add to the menacing mood of the Cold War Era. But like anything in life that doesn't come easy, the end rewards are many. Don't send your gramps with the hearing aid to see it, but if you're in the mood for a richly told portrayal with international intrigue, you're in for a treat. ● HEIDI PATALANO

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

Genre: Drama

Director: Stephen Daldry

Stars: Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock

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Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close explores the horror of 9-11 through the eyes of a gifted 10-year-old named Oskar (Thomas Horn) whose father (Tom Hanks) was killed in the attack. This is a 9-11 movie that isn't about ideology but the human cost of ideology. Oskar's search isn't for answers as to why 9-11 happened, but rather to



keep a connection to his father alive. Good performances all round, Sandra Bullock and Max Von Sydow are standouts, but Horn does much of the work, his doe eyes conveying the pain, hurt and

confusion that comes along with great loss. It's a bit over long, with a drawn out ending, but a few moments guaranteed to trigger the water works.

● RICHARD CROUSE



Haywire

Genre: Action

Director: Steven Soderbergh

Stars: Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor

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Filmmaker Steven Soderbergh reunites with The Limey writer Lem Dobbs to create Haywire — what will surely go down as one of 2012's best action films (and yes, I know it's only January). The Ocean's

Eleven director brilliantly cast MMA fighter Gina Carano as a mysterious covert operative that seeks vengeance and truth after she is double-crossed on a job. While the story is simple enough, it's clear Carano is performing her own incredible fight scenes, which keeps the kettle boiling in this stylish, entertaining thriller.

● STEVE GOW

Carnage

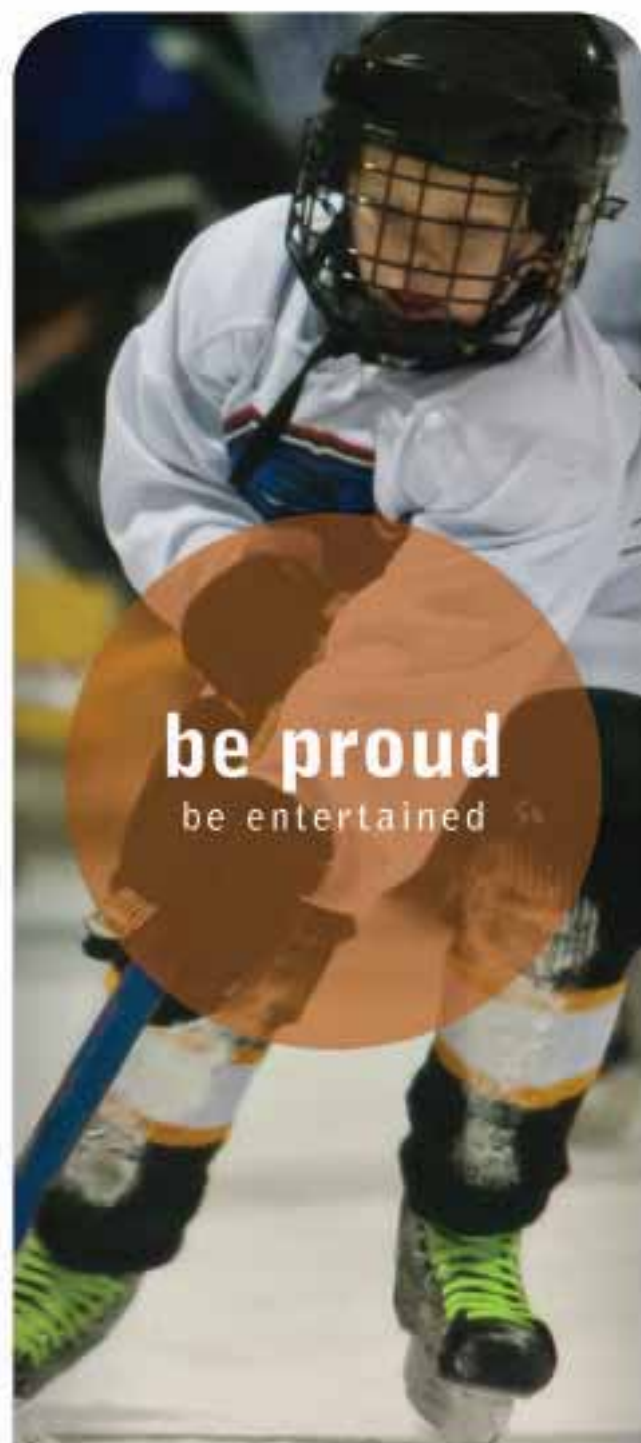
Genre: Comedy

Director: Roman Polanski

Stars: Jodie Foster, Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz

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The aptly named Carnage is Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf for our 'enlightened' times. Penelope and Michael Longstreet invite Nancy and Alan Cowan to their Manhattan apartment to discuss a schoolyard incident between their sons which left one "disfigured." The veneer of good manners and co-operation flames out, devolving into screaming, insulting, vomiting, drunkenness and an inability to leave the premises. Claustrophobic, intense, panic-inducing and hilarious, Polanski has a winner. ● ANNE BRODIE



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SOUND CHECK



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The winter release season is finally upon us.

Here's what we can expect in stores and online in the first quarter of 2012:

Tuesday: I have high hopes for Future This from The Big Pink, a British band with much potential.

Jan. 24: Craig Finn of the Hold Steady's solo album, Clear Heart Full Eyes, comes out. Also we'll get Cloud Nothings' Attack on Memory, which was produced by Steve Albini.

Jan. 31: Lana Del Ray was the musical guest on SNL without even having an album out. Will Born to Die live up to the hype? And I've heard Old Ideas, the first Leonard Cohen studio album since 2004. Fans will be pleased.

Feb. 7: Van Halen (DLR v2.0) returns with A Different Kind of Truth. We'll also get more metal from Silverstein in the form of Short Songs. Plus Le Voyage Dans La Lune from Air. And Hotel Ses-



► Dolores O'Riordan, lead singer of The Cranberries.

sions from Evan Dando and the Lemonheads.

Feb. 14: Sleigh Bells. Can't wait for Reign of Terror.

Feb. 21: I like what I've heard so far from Band of Skulls' Sweet Sour.

Feb. 28: The Cranberries are back. Those who have heard Roses – their first album since Wake Up and Smell the Coffee in 2001 – say it's very good.

Mar. 27: The Modfather Paul Weller cranks out another CD. This one is called Sonik Kicks.

Apr. 10: Slash's new solo album. Still awaiting a title.

Apr. 24: My Darkest Days. No title yet. work Angels.

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Talking points



Idol judges work the stage

LET'S HOPE THEY'RE NOT 'PITCHY'. American Idol fans may want to check out The Tonight Show With Jay Leno for a rare chance to judge the judges. Host Ryan Seacrest and judges Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson are among the guests on Friday. But that's not all. Tyler and Jackson are expected to perform, along with Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry. (NBC, CTV2)

Canadian comfort food

AND IT'S NOT POUTINE. You Gotta Eat Here proves that Canadian comfort food can be just as indulgent as the lardaceous spectacles seen in those over-the-top Food Network shows set south of the border. Take for example Friday's overblown brunch suggestion: eggs benny served on fresh doughnuts, courtesy of Uncle Betty's Diner

in Toronto. The creamy New York-style cheesecake over at Victoria's Italian resto Pagliacci's is also featured and seems down right healthy by comparison. (Food Network Canada)

What if you were switched at birth?

AS IF BEING A TEEN GIRL WASN'T HARD ENOUGH. Get a glimpse at ABC Spark's series Switched at Birth on W Network Saturday. The new channel isn't in Canada until March 26 but it's offering up an early look at its flagship teen drama. The tale centres on two girls who learn they were accidentally switched as newborns in the hospital. One grew up in a wealthy family while the other grew up with a single mom in a working-class neighbourhood. (W Network)

Preggo, clueless and hilarious

AWAY WE GO. Airing Saturday, the 2009 romantic comedy Away We Go follows an expectant couple played by Maya Rudolph (SNL) and John Krasinski (The Office) as they set off on a journey to find the best city in which to settle and raise their family. (Bravo) **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The importance of Portlandia

► Funnyman Fred Armisen talks about his on-screen chemistry with Carrie Brownstein ► Almost half the show is improv, says the SNL star



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In one sketch during the new season of Portlandia, the characters played by Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein decide to watch a single episode of Battlestar Galactica before they head out to a friend's birthday party.

Unable to pull themselves away from the TV after 45 minutes, they miss the party, end up devouring the first season, and over a few consecutive days, the whole series. Jobs are lost, bills go unpaid and they stop getting up to use the bathroom.

At one point Brownstein tiredly says, "I a little bit feel like I have a bladder infection, but I'm just going to get antibiotics after the next episode."

This scene is typical of the comedic duo's adoration of the absurd, and is one that could easily apply to viewers of their show.

The first season recently began streaming on Net-



► Fred Armisen

flix, and the second season premieres Friday.

Armisen says he has found himself in similarly intense viewing marathons with shows like Game of Thrones and American Horror Story. "And The Wire," he says, "I burned right through that."

What makes the comedy hit so hard is Armisen and Brownstein's ability to create relatable situations that go awry. He says the pair are able to get so ridiculous because almost half of the show is improvised.

"We film so much stuff," he says. "We could do a whole season of what we didn't use."

Armisen says that a large chunk of that unused footage is he and Brownstein ruining the scenes by laughing uncontrollably at what the other one has come up with on the spot. He is quick to give away the credit for the finished product.

"We're not part of the editing process," he explains, "because those guys are geniuses."

A different beat

One of the things that sets Portlandia apart from Armisen's other comedy outlet, Saturday Night Live, is the way the show handles musical guests. On Portlandia, musical guests don't sing, they act.

► "Sometimes when musicians do things like this, they come at it with just a slightly different way of playing things than a comedian, and that's just interesting," says Armisen.

► **Season 2** cameos include Eddie Vedder, Joanna Newsom and guitarists from the Sex Pistols and The Smiths.

Armisen says relinquishing that authority is liberating because every time he watches the edits, he finds himself saying, "Oh my gosh, I never thought that we wouldn't need that."

"That's a really weird part of the process, where you think you're in control, but you know it's good that you're not in control."



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So this is what J.Lo sees in Mr. Smart

► The 24-year-old boy-toy of singer is quite the motivational tweeter

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Just why did mega-star Jennifer Lopez fall for Casper Smart?

If you're thinking it's because he's a hot piece of young man meat with terrific abs who is completely subservient to her every want and desire, you'd be wrong!

It's his seriously deep tweets, yo. How moving are they? Let's just say: Can someone get the president from the Precious Moments Page-a-Day Calendar company on the phone?

Smart needs to stop dancing and start writing to inspire all of us.

Some of my favourites:

"Age, status, n opinions of others are irrelevant."

"Our hearts are endless and our souls infinite. Ages are mere reminders of the hours logged on this earth and the precious time remaining."

"We should all honor our time here by indulging our passion and dreams. So, close your ears and open your hearts; Love and be happy!"

Smart is so good. How does he know that my "passion and dreams" consist of mocking in a free daily newspaper the throwaway tweets of a 24-year-old back-up dancer I've never met?

Forget the calendar — who wants to make me a motivational poster?



► Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart

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► Jennifer Aniston

Aniston preggers?

Jennifer Aniston is reportedly six months pregnant with boyfriend Justin Theroux's child, according to MTV UK — though the pregnancy is news even to friends.

"She wouldn't have wanted to make a big deal but she must be so excited," a pal says.

"If anyone ever asked if she was worried about running out of time, she'd re-

ply, 'I'm absolutely having kids there's not one doubt in my mind.'"

Aniston has been spotted out at a pair of events recently either bundled up around the middle or showing off a suspiciously swelled belly.

Speculation that the couple might be expecting began in October when they were spotted leaving a clinic together. ● METRO

Brand set to write tell-all: Report

Is Russell Brand writing a tell-all memoir about his 14-month marriage to Katy Perry? According to Us Weekly, he is.

The tabloid says that not only did Brand blindside his pop star wife with the filing of the divorce, but he also is planning to "cover all the nitty-gritty, sometimes ugly details" of their marriage.

Perry, for one, isn't happy. "Katy is insulted and feels betrayed that Russell has treated her so poorly," a pal to the singer tells Us. "She will never forgive him. Ever."

Sure, it's low-class, but is anyone else just the slightest bit interested in knowing if he ever got to play with that whipped-cream bra? ● METRO



► Russell Brand

Celebrity tweets



Trimmed my leg hair after someone at gym suggested it, now getting mixed reactions. Leg hair - lose it or leave it?



@RyanSeacrest

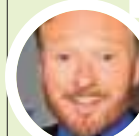
i cant believe that just now im getting to bed i have not slept in over 30 hours! i cant complain because i love my job! night night!

@MissKelly0



@SandraBernhard

peter dinklege is a major actor i run into him at the post office in the village.



@ConanOBrien

If antihistamines are used to make meth, then it stands to reason that meth will help my chest cold.

Pippa ain't having it with the paps

Pippa Middleton is reportedly sick and tired of the paparazzi attention that's become a regular part of her life since her sister, Kate, married Prince William, so her lawyers are taking action, according to Hollyscoop.

Citing the "serious distress and anxiety" the photographers' presence causes, Middleton's lawyers have sent cease-and-desist letters to the "nine or 10 agencies outside her door every day," threatening legal action if they don't ease off.

As for publications, so far the Daily Mail is the only one to vow to stop using paparazzi images of Middleton.

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Battle not done for Becks

Though his \$25 million lawsuit against a Bosnian prostitute and tabloid In Touch was dismissed last year, David Beckham isn't satisfied, as he reportedly filed an appeal to have the case re-opened, according to Radar Online.

The suit takes issue with Irma Nici's published claims that she had sexual relations with Beckham in London and New York in 2007. In their appeal, Beckham's lawyers counter that In Touch "did not produce critical documents or



evidence related to its internet 'research' concerning Beckham.

Notably, it never produced documents by which it claimed confirmed Beckham's whereabouts during the time periods in question."

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Roasted Portobello Eggs Benedict

► This recipe serves four.

Reimagining a staple of breakfast

► Eggs benedict ditches English muffin in favour of portobello mushroom

Preparation:

1 Rub portobello caps with oil and sprinkle with salt. Spread on baking sheet, cap side up, and roast in 400 F (200 C) oven 15 mins. or until tender.

2 Hollandaise Sauce: Melt butter in small saucepan over low heat. Place egg yolks, lemon juice and salt in blender, and blend for few seconds on High. Remove blender lid, and slowly pour in one third of melted butter. Replace lid and blend for a few seconds on high. Remove lid and pour in another third of melted butter; blend. Repeat with final

third of melted butter. Return to saucepan and keep warm. If sauce is too thick, add some hot water, a tablespoon (15 mL) at a time, while whisking constantly until desired consistency is reached. Taste and adjust lemon juice and salt.

3 Fill saucepan (9-inch/23 cm minimum) with 2 to 3 inches (5 to 7.5 cm) of water. Add vinegar. Bring to simmer over medium heat; reduce heat to low. Crack eggs one at a time into small dish, and gently slip them into barely simmering water. Cover pan and cook 4

minutes, until whites are cooked but yolks are still runny (you can test this by gently touching them—they should jiggle). Remove eggs with a slotted spoon, and drain on paper towels.

4 To assemble, place one mushroom cap on each of 4 plates. Top with a

poached egg, and a spoonful of hollandaise sauce. Garnish with chives, if desired. Serve immediately. **NEWS CANADA/JENNIFER HILL OF FOOD-ESS.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients:

- 4 large portobello mushrooms, stemmed
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- Pinch salt

Hollandaise Sauce:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter

- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- Hot water, as needed
- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white vinegar
- Fresh chives, for garnish

► A simple poached egg makes for a relaxing start to a weekend ► Upgrade it with grapefruit

Florida Grapefruit Poached Eggs

Preparation:

1 Grapefruit Dice: In bowl, combine, grapefruit, parsley and hot pepper sauce. Stir until combined; set aside.

2 In saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic 4 mins. Add tomato puree, grapefruit juice, basil, salt and pepper; simmer for about 10 minutes or until reduced to about 1 cup (250 mL).

3 Poached Eggs: Meanwhile, fill saucepan about half full with water and bring to boil. Add grapefruit juice and salt; reduce to simmer. Crack egg into small cup and slide into water. Repeat with remaining eggs.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 mL) strained tomato puree (passata)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) Florida

grapefruit juice

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh basil
- Pinch each salt, pepper

Grapefruit Dice:

- 1 Florida grapefruit, peeled and diced
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped

fresh parsley

- Hot pepper sauce (to taste)

Poached Eggs:

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) Florida grapefruit juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 4 eggs



► This recipe serves four.

Cook eggs for about 3 minutes for a soft poach. Remove with slotted spoon to paper towel lined plate.

The anatomy of scotch

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Though he admits to never having tasted gasoline, I have a friend who imagines the closest thing to it he's had in his mouth is scotch.

I've tried to turn him around by explaining that to understand it, you need to know that there are three key Scottish varieties.

Blended scotch is a mix of malt and other grain whiskies, vatted versions are a union of just malt whiskies and single malts are the malty output of one distillery.

While most Scots say the real art is in the blending, it's been single malts (with unique characteristics influenced by their surroundings, water source and distiller's philosophy) that have made Scottish booze famous in North America.

With Robert Burns Day on the horizon, there's no better time for my buddy to hold on to his haggis and dive into a palate pounder like Laphroaig 10 Year Old (\$70.12 - \$84.99) from the island ofIslay. It oozes iodine, peat, an attractively abrasive flavour that shouts 'Scotland' and the individuality that makes its malts so pleasantly polarizing. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



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Portion control



Carolyn O'Brien, registered dietitian for Dempster's, shares tips to cut down without cutting out your favourite foods

1. Eating breakfast jump-starts your metabolism and helps you reach your daily nutritional needs.

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4. Use smaller plates to avoid overeating. **DEMPSTER'S**



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4 Divide sauce among 4 plates and place poached egg in centre. Spoon grapefruit dice over top to serve. **NEWS CANADA/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS**

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she winks back

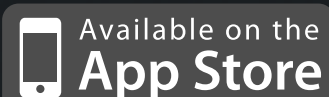


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All-star choices 'difficult': Blake

Rob Blake knows an all-star when he sees one. And he's come to grips with the fact he couldn't invite them all to Ottawa's Scotiabank Place later this month for the NHL's all-star weekend.

"There are some real good players, like every year, that aren't going," he said in an interview.

Blake made seven all-star appearances during a Hall of Fame career that ended in 2010. Now manager of the NHL's hockey operations department, he's overseeing the event.

Part of his role is deciding on the list of all-star invitees along with other members of the hockey operations staff.

"The selection process is difficult," said Blake. "You figure in past Stanley Cup champions, you figure in obviously scoring leaders from years ago and some of the older players ... there's a lot that goes into it."

All-star weekend runs from Jan. 26 to Jan. 29.

Fans voted the first six all-stars with hockey operations staff adding the remaining 36 last week.

Among those that were overlooked were Patrice Bergeron (Boston), James Neal (Pittsburgh), Scott Hartnell (Philadelphia), Kris Versteeg (Florida) and Radim Vrbata (Phoenix).

Each of them still has a chance to find his way to Ottawa as an injury replacement.

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► Andy Roddick, left, walks off the court after retiring on Thursday against Lleyton Hewitt in Melbourne, Australia.

Roddick fails to finish

► U.S. star injured during Aussie Open match against Hewitt ► 'It's a miserable, terrible thing being out there compromised like that,' says former No. 1

Andy Roddick's bid to win another Grand Slam singles title nearly a decade after his first hit a roadblock Thursday when a hamstring injury forced him out of the Australian Open.

The former No. 1, whose lone major singles win came at the 2003 U.S. Open, was trailing Lleyton Hewitt 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 when he called the trainer to his court-side chair. He then walked over to Hewitt and shook the Australian player's hand.

Roddick had fallen to the court in the second set, but played despite being in obvious pain from the injury.

"I wanted to see what I

Up next for Milos

Milos Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., will face Lleyton Hewitt in the third round of the Australian Open.

could do. You don't really have much time for clarity in that situation," Roddick said of his attempt to play with the injury.

Trailing 2-0 in the second set, Roddick moved suddenly to his right to retrieve a Hewitt forehand, and seemed to overstretch his right leg, rolling over on his right ankle. Hewitt won that point and the next two

for a 3-0 lead, then Roddick took a medical timeout.

Hewitt said the injury was "a nightmare for both of us."

"Obviously, he stretched something," Hewitt said. "It's not easy for the person up the other end of the court. It's hard to concentrate when they're having injury timeouts."

"It's never easy to play injured or to pull out of a match. It's not a good feeling."

Roddick looked lethargic in the second and third sets, rarely chasing down shots and hanging his head between points. He threw

his racket at one point and argued with the chair umpire after a video replay showed that one of Hewitt's shots — originally called out — actually hit the line.

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic advanced earlier Thursday, overcoming an early service break against Santiago Giraldo in a 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 victory at Melbourne Park.

"I maybe started a little too defensive because he was hitting the ball very strong," said Djokovic, who won three of the four majors last year. "But then after, it was the other way around." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"Whenever the swelling settles down a little bit, I'll be back in the lineup doing the best I can."

EDMONTON OILERS FORWARD TAYLOR HALL.

THE 20-YEAR-OLD, WHO HAS BEEN OUT SINCE SUFFERING A NASTY GASH TO HIS HEAD FROM A TEAMMATE'S SKATE DURING WARMUP BEFORE

TUESDAY'S GAME IN COLUMBUS, SAID HE HOPES TO PLAY SATURDAY AGAINST CALGARY.

Breaking down the final four

► On Sunday, the Super Bowl matchup will be set as the Ravens play the Patriots and the Giants face the 49ers

Ravens

OFFENCE: The Ravens must get the ball in the hands of RB **Ray Rice**, the league's leader in total yardage with 2,068 (1,364 rushing). Rice was dynamic the last time he faced the Patriots in a playoff game at Foxborough, breaking an 83-yard run on the first Baltimore play from scrimmage.



Patriots

OFFENCE: Given time, QB Tom Brady will destroy even the best defences. But he hasn't faced a high-quality one in months, and the best defence the Patriots played in 2011, Pittsburgh's, held them to a season-low 17 points. Brady will run the no-huddle as often as possible, hoping to force the Ravens defenders to stay on the field more often than usual.

DEFENCE: Led by All-Pro NT Haloti Ngata and LB Terrell Suggs — plus the ageless LB Ray Lewis and S Ed Reed — and using a never-back-down philosophy, the Ravens will get after Tom Brady as best they can. But they managed zero sacks and not a ton of pressure against Houston, whose offence is not on the same level as New England's.

DEFENCE: Expect Patriots coach Bill Belichick to have something schemed up to neutralize Ray Rice, forcing QB Joe Flacco to beat his team. Flacco isn't spectacular and the Ravens rarely have asked him to be the focal point of the offence. Belichick could force that to happen, especially if superb NT Vince Wilfork has his way in the trenches.

Giants

OFFENCE: The Giants were extremely efficient down the stretch to win the NFC East. They've continued that in the playoffs, mixing in big plays with ball security, getting huge contributions from WRs **Hakeem Nicks**, Victor Cruz and Mario Manningham, and just enough rushing from Ahmad Bradshaw and Brandon Jacobs.

DEFENCE: The Giants have a potentially overpowering pass rush led by All-Pro DE Jason Pierre-Paul, DEs Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora, and revitalized LB Michael Boley. They stumbled often in pass coverage for much of the season, but came on in recent weeks against the likes of Tony Romo, Matt Ryan and Aaron Rodgers.

49ers

OFFENCE: If the Niners establish the run with Frank Gore, who rushed for 1,211 yards and eight TDs, and can spring backup Kendall Hunter a few times, it will make QB Alex Smith more effective. In by far the best season of his seven-year career, Smith has avoided turnovers, made more precise throws than ever and been patient.

DEFENCE: The Niners, who allowed an NFL-low 229 points, have strong coverage backs in CB Carlos Rodgers and S Dashon Goldson, each of whom had six interceptions. San Francisco also might be the best tackling team in the NFL, and S Donte Whitner's hit on Pierre Thomas last week displayed that.

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Hominick OK with UFC delay

► Thamesford fighter awaits word on Montreal rescheduling ► Says he's learned from recent loss in Toronto



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His return to the octagon has been delayed, but that's OK with UFC featherweight Mark Hominick.

The Thamesford native was scheduled to fight Hawaiian Eddie Yagin (15-5-1) at UFC 145 in Montreal on March 24, but that event was postponed due to an inability to schedule a main event.

Hominick (20-10-0) is waiting for confirmation that his bout is one of the ones rescheduled for a UFC event April 21 in Atlanta.

"Basically, it pushes back the training camp for a month, which I'm fine



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► Mark Hominick

with," said Hominick, 29. "I've had a bit of travel in the last little bit, and it just gives you that much more time to prepare."

Hominick recently returned from Rio de Janeiro,

where he was cornerman for Sam Stout at UFC 142.

The Yagin bout will be Hominick's first since his shocking seven-second loss to Chang Sung Jung at UFC 140 in Toronto last month. Hominick left himself vulnerable after missing with a left, then Jung landed a right and pounced.

"You know what? I can't dwell on it too much," Hominick said. "It's nothing I did in training, it's nothing I did preparing, it's not that I didn't want it ...

"When it came to it, I almost wanted it too bad. I wanted to win so bad that I fought out of character, and I paid the price. So I guess that's a learning experience."



Canadian. Championships

► Patrick Chan works on a jump during a practice session Thursday in Moncton, N.B.

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Chan keeps an eye on the future

He's barely 21, but Patrick Chan believes it's never too early to inspire the figure skaters coming up behind him. That's why the Toronto skater lingered in the locker-room after practice Thursday, to chat with younger competitors at the Canadian figure skating championships in Moncton, N.B.

"I feel responsible. I don't want to just walk out of here and forget it, just take my titles. I want to leave a positive mark on figure skating, especially figure skating in Canada," Chan said.

The defending world champion and triple world-record holder will be gunning for his fifth senior men's title at the Canadian championships this weekend.

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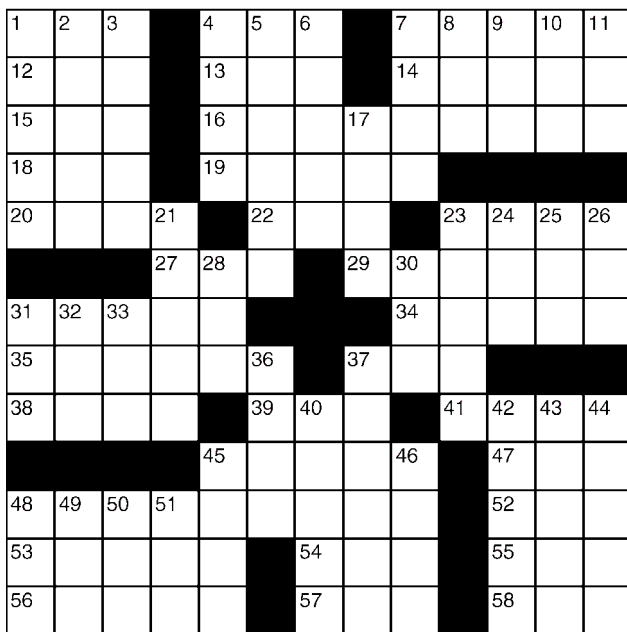
Crossword

Across

- 1 Voters' mo.
4 "Awesome!"
7 First-aid wrapper
12 "The Greatest"
13 Leading lady?
14 Shrivel
15 Altar affirmative
16 Wagnerian riders
18 Not feel well
19 Laundry woe
20 Out of play
22 Sailor's agreement
23 Advantage
27 Corn spike
29 Tranquilizer name
31 In any way possible
34 African language
35 Dale
37 Chap
38 Ova
39 Portion of N.A.
41 Color crudely
45 Foot soldier
47 Code of life
48 February mailing
52 Lubricate
53 Sports venue
54 Earl Grey, e.g.
55 Caviar base
56 Trapshooting
57 Mess up
58 Football position

Down

- 1 Water nymph
2 Black-and-white film, e.g.
3 String instrument
4 Guns the engine
5 James Cameron movie
6 Hold up



- 7 Charles II's mistress Nell
8 Melody
9 Submachine gun
10 Last letter
11 Halves of ems
17 Chicken —
21 — of the Wisconsin
23 Serengeti critter
24 Cacophony
25 Stomach
26 Flightless bird
28 Hearty quaff
30 Lawyers' org.
31 "Hail!"

- 32 Playground game
33 Math course
36 Domed tent
37 Bearing
40 Hotel accommodation
42 Worship
43 Civil War side
44 Bundled hay
45 Summertime pest
46 Rip
48 Anatomical duct
49 Biblical boat
50 Shelter
51 Away from WSW

► Yesterday's answer



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► Yesterday's answer



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Missing you today I hate
that we are apart Without
your morning smile I don't
know where to start This
day drags on and on I need
you to keep it fun Where
are you to read my
horoscope Or to call me
hun? Tomorrow I'll see you
again I can hardly wait It'll
be the best day of the week
Because working with you
is great xoxox. GOOFBALL*

*Mr.Johnson Spelt Johnson
I LOVE YOUR XXX's Just
want the world to know
how much you mean to me,
Sexy Man. oXoXoXo. DANI*

*Cupcake, i love u with all
my heart your the only one
that has faith in me thank
you for believing in me i cant
wait till i marry you your
my sweet desert that i cant
not live without and i am
your firecracker that will go
off at any point lol love u
for ever and always
FIRECRACKER*

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

From today, other people will find it much easier to work with you. Yes, you can be a difficult partner.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

With the Sun crossing the career angle of your chart, you must not get upset about things that require a practical approach.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You may not have been at your best of late but very soon you will look and feel like a million dollars.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

If you have been living beyond your means in recent weeks, you will have to tighten your belt now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You will make a lot of friends over the next few days, and most likely you will make one or two enemies.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

You need to tighten up your working routine. You have wasted a lot of time on activities that are of no real importance.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

The Sun's move into your fellow Air sign of Aquarius means the next four weeks should be truly special.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Make allowances for loved ones and relatives who don't share your level of self-control.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You can quite easily turn potential foes into allies today, simply by being a bit less aggressive.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

The Sun leaves your birth sign today but that does not mean your energy has to drop. Keep going.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Your very own new year begins today as the Sun moves into your sign. You should be making plans — and acting on them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Look on the bright side of everything that happens in the next 24 hours. SALLY BROMPTON

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